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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: PALME'S ADDRESS TO UNSC ON SOUTH AFRICA

REF: STOCKHOLM 1219

1. PALME'S APPEARANCE BEFORE THE SECURITY COUNCIL, WE UNDERSTAND, WAS ARRANGED BY THE AFRICAN GROUP AT THE UN, WHICH FELT THAT HIS APPEARANCE WOULD LEND IMPORTANCE TO THE CURRENT DEBATE ON SOUTH AFRICA. THE BRITISH AND FRG IN PARTICULAR--BUT TO SOME EXTENT OTHER WESTERN MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL--WERE NOT HAPPY WITH HIS APPEARANCE, AND WE UNDERSTAND THAT HMG MAY HAVE MADE REPRESENTATIONS TO PALME SUGGESTING A MODERATE APPROACH IN HIS STATEMENT TO THE COUNCIL. AMBASSADOR YOUNG DID NOT FIND THE SPEECH TOO DIFFERENT FROM THE POINTS OF VIEW IN THE US, ALTHOUGH A BIT STRIDENT IN TONE. AMBASSADOR YOUNG MET BRIEFLY AND PRIVATELY WITH PALME, THEY BEING OLD FRIENDS. THERE WAS NO SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION.

2. UK AMBASSADOR RICHARD TELLS US PRIVATELY HE SPOKE TO PALME BEFORE THE LATTER'S ADDRESS TO THE SC, SAYING THAT SWEDEN COULD NOT POSSIBLY ADVOCATE A BAN ON TRADE WITH SOUTH AFRICA SINCE, UNDER THE PALME ADMINISTRATION, CONFIDENTIAL

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THAT TRADE HAD GROWN MIGHTILY. PALME HAD REPLIED THAT SWEDEN'S SUPPORT FOR A MANDATORY BAN ON NEW INVESTMENT DID NOT INCLUDE PROHIBITIONS ON TRADE, A POSITION RICHARD DESCRIBED AS RATIONALIZATION OF A SELF-SERVING POSITION TYPICAL OF THE FORMER PALME ADMINISTRATION.
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